with a few States on September 29, 2005. Based on the deliberations, a revised package was drafted which envisages a financial package to be shared by Central Government, State Governments and Cooperative Credit Structure in the ratio of 68%, 28% and 4% respectively on an aggregate basis. Further, the package envisages that RBI will lay down the regulations/guidelines for prudential norms and financial matters while Registrar of Co-operative Societies (RCS) in the States will implement and monitor these regulations and guidelines. In all other matters of administration and regulation, RCS shall be the authority responsible for laying down regulations/guidelines.

Exemption of salaried employees from filing Income Tax Returns

†2161. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to exempt salaried employees from filing Income Tax returns;

(b) if so, by when the formal declaration would be made in this regard; and

(c) whether any financial loss is likely to be incurred to Government from this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

SSI Finance Centres

t2162. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up Small Scale Industries finance centres in industrial areas for extending financing facilities to micro industries by banks and Financial institutions;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that percent of credit flow towards Small Scale industries by Nationalised Banks and Financial institutions is approximately nil whereas these units have a major contribution in National production; and

(d) if so, Governments reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on 20th May 2005, has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks and SLBC Convenor Banks to initiate early implementation of a scheme for "Small Enterprises Financial Centres (SEFCs)". Under the scheme, banks are encouraged to establish mechanisms for better co-ordination between their branches and branches of SIDBI which are located in the clusters identified by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries for co-financing of SME sector (including tiny and services sector) on mutually agreeable operational modalities to be worked out by SIDBI and the strategic partner banks. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) had initially decided to implement the scheme in 149 clusters and has so far executed MOU with 9 banks.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Credit extended to SSI sector by the public sector banks has gone up from Rs. 52988 crores in the year 2003 to Rs. 67634 crores in the year 2005. The share of net bank credit to total credit of public sector banks stood at above 9% as on March 31, 2005. To further step up credit to small and medium enterprises, Government have announced a policy package on August 10, 2005 which seeks to double the flow of credit to these enterprises over the next five years.

Deferment of Disinvestment of equity of BHEL

†2163. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned the policy of disinvestment;

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